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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/DE)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 20070103, 20050609, 20040412
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(c) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

1. Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(c) as being anticipated by Hunter et al. (US 2003/0069002).
2. With respect to Claim 1: Hunter discloses the use of a method of occupants of a physical area during an emergency event (see abstract), the method comprising:
 - a. identifying the emergency event (Paragraph 0052); and
 - b. activating a response plan based on the identified emergency event (the examiner considers the contacting scheme of Hunter to be the response plan, as well as the exit strategies, Paragraphs 0052, 0122, 0131 and 0132),
 - c. wherein the activating step includes: initiating at least one response operation for the response plan (Paragraph 0036); selecting an occupant of the physical area based on a location of the emergency event (Paragraphs 0052, 0053 and 0131); and providing instructions to the occupant based on the emergency event (Paragraphs 0122, 0131 and 0133).
3. With respect to Claim 2: Hunter discloses defining the response plan (Paragraph 0019).
4. With respect to Claim 3: Hunter discloses the activating step further includes: obtaining a response from the occupant and initiating at least one additional response operation based on the response (Paragraphs 0054-0056).

5. With respect to Claim 4: Hunter discloses defining a hierarchical representation for the physical area; and associating the occupant with at least one area node in the hierarchical representation, wherein the occupant is selected based on the emergency event and the at least one associated area node (Paragraphs 0052, 0053 and 0131).
6. With respect to Claim 5: Hunter discloses obtaining user information for a user; obtaining location information for a location for the user; and associating the user information with an area node that corresponds to the location information (Paragraphs 0024 and 0056).
7. With respect to Claim 6: Hunter discloses comparing the location information with at least one existing area node; and creating a new area node when the at least one existing area node does not match the location information (Hunter discloses updating the node information, Paragraph 0052-0054, it should also be pointed out that this limitation is a conditional limitation, that if the location matches with an area node, then a new node is not created, this step only happens if and when there is no match, therefore if there is already a match this step is not required for the claim to be anticipated).
8. With respect to Claim 7: See Hunter, Paragraph 0052-0054.
9. With respect to Claim 8: See Hunter, Paragraph 0056.
10. With respect to Claim 9: See Hunter, Paragraph 0119.
11. With respect to Claims 10 and 16: Hunter discloses a system for evacuating an occupant of a physical area during an emergency event (see abstract) and a computer program product code which causes the system to perform the steps, the system comprising:
 - d. Means for identifying the emergency event (Paragraph 0052);

- e. means for automatically informing the occupant of the emergency event (Paragraph 0122);
 - f. means for obtaining a location of the occupant (Paragraph 0056);
 - g. means for obtaining an evacuation status of the occupant (Paragraph 0078); and
 - h. means for providing instructions to the occupant based on at least one of the emergency event, the location, and the evacuation status (Paragraphs 0047, 0049 and 0076).
12. With respect to Claim 11: Hunter discloses a means for communicating between the occupant and a responder (Paragraph 0036).
13. With respect to Claim 12: Hunter discloses means for providing instructions to a responder based on at least one of the emergency event, the location, and the evacuation status of the occupant (Paragraph 0078).
14. With respect to Claim 13: See Hunter, Paragraph 0019, 0052, 0122, 0131 and 0132.
15. With respect to Claims 14 and 15: See Hunter, Paragraphs 0054-0056.
16. With respect to Claim 17: See Hunter Paragraphs 0052, 0122, 0131 and 0132.
17. With respect to Claim 18: See Hunter, Paragraphs 0054-0056.
18. With respect to Claim 19: See Hunter, Paragraph 0078.
19. With respect to Claim 20: See Hunter, Paragraphs 0052, 0053 and 0131
20. With respect to Claim 21: See Hunter, Paragraphs 0024 and 0052.

Conclusion

21. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Carroll (4,023,146) discloses the use of evacuation plans for high rise buildings, Meyers et al. (6,754,674) discloses the use of an incident crisis response plan, Orr et al. (5,815,417) discloses the use of data collection for emergency incidents, Davis et al. (6,348,860) discloses the use of emergency evacuation reporting and Yamazaki et al. (US 2006/0128356) discloses the use of handheld wireless devices used in emergency situations.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAMISUE A. PLUCINSKI whose telephone number is (571)272-6811. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (5:30 - 4:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (571) 272-6812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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